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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The antimicrobial polymer blend as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the monomer used of the formula I is 2-tert-butylaminoethyl methacrylate, 2-diethylaminoethyl methacrylate, 2-dimethylaminomethyl methacrylate, 2-tert-butylaminoethyl acrylate, 3-dimethylaminopropyl acrylate, 2-diethylaminoethyl acrylate, 2-dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide, N-3-dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide, N-3-dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide, or N-3-diethylaminopropylacrylamide.